

**POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION**  
**March 10, 2014**  
**Outreach Committee Chair Report**

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Chair Brown and Commissioners,

The Outreach Committee met on February 26, 2015. Commissioners Cerrillo, Westphal, and Singleton were present, as well as Committee Clerk Leda Schuster.

The Committee addressed three primary areas of business: (1) Committee procedures; (2) Committee short-term strategic plan; and (3) attendance at the March 21, 2015, Community Connections Conference.

**I. Committee Procedures**

The Committee will continue to meet the fourth Thursday of every month in room 241 of City Hall, however, its meetings will now begin at 5:45pm. The Committee will continue to recommend outreach events for the PCOC to take part in by way of motion at full PCOC meetings.

**II. Committee Priorities and Strategies**

The Committee developed a strategic plan to guide it over the next 6 – 12 months. The Committee would like to focus on partnering with community organizations to conduct outreach events. Outreach events can be a way to explain the purpose of the PCOC and Minneapolis's civilian oversight system and to address other specific issues that are of concern to the partnering organization.

In the next six months, the Committee would like to focus on developing a program of outreach to the Latino community, building off Commissioner Cerrillo's existing connections within that community. In the second half of the year, the Committee would like to expand focused outreach to the Somali and Native American communities. In addition, the Committee views building partnerships with youth and with the African American and Hmong communities as essential to its duties. Finally, the Committee discussed its role in achieving strong relationships with and buy-in from rank-and-file officers.

**III. Community Connections Conference**

Committee Clerk Schuster presented to the Committee on the Community Connections Conference (see App. 1). The Conference is hosted by the City's Neighborhood and Community Relations Department and will be held Saturday, March 21, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Conference is a space to bring together city departments, neighborhood organizations, cultural communities, nonprofit organizations, and residents. Exhibitors are encouraged to provide highly interactive exhibits to engage participants.

The Committee recommends that the PCOC attend the event (see App. 2). It suggests that the PCOC provide PCOC bracelets; bookmarks that contain an “Encountering the Police Checklist” (see App. 3); a list of references on police practices; and a survey with the following questions:

1. Do you know what the PCOC is?
2. How would you rate the relationship between the MPD and the community?  
[good, ok, bad, does not exist, other]
3. What could be done to improve the relationship between the MPD and the community?
4. What issue(s) would you like to see the PCOC address?

Sincerely,

*/s/ Jennifer L. Singleton*

Jennifer L. Singleton  
PCOC Outreach Committee Chair

## **APPENDIX 1: COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CONFERENCE**

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### **Register Now as an Exhibitor at the Third Annual Community Connections Conference**

The Neighborhood and Community Relations Department invites you to share your ideas, experience and knowledge as an exhibitor at the third annual Community Connections Conference Saturday, March 21. The conference is designed to bring together City departments, neighborhood organizations, cultural communities, nonprofit organizations and residents to share best practices for neighborhood engagement. This year's theme is "Creative Engagement and Action Using Arts and Placemaking."

Organizers have dubbed this year's event a "nonconference" due to its highly interactive nature. Participants will learn by seeing and doing rather than sitting and listening to presentations. They will be immersed in experiences that will give them the skills and strategies to take creative placemaking techniques back to their own communities.

In keeping with the nonconference focus, organizers hope for highly interactive exhibits. That means less setting out paper for people to grab and go and more creative spaces where exhibitors fully engage participants in fun and stimulating ways.

Exhibitors will set up in a "village square" that will be created in the convention center and open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Exhibitor tables cost \$100 for City departments or divisions. The fee includes lunch, snacks, beverages and an eight-foot table with a table skirt and two chairs.

#### **Register**

Check with your department leadership, then register to be an exhibitor in the village square. The registration and payment deadline is Friday, March 6.

To help organizers order enough food and beverages, please register everyone on your team as a conference participant at Community Connections nonConference registration. Conference registration is free for all participants.

## **APPENDIX 2: COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CONFERENCE**

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### **Motion for the March 2015 Meeting by Commissioner Singleton**

Motion for the Police Conduct Oversight Commission to attend the Community Connections Conference as an exhibitor on Saturday, March 21, 2015, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



## Minneapolis Police Conduct Oversight Commission

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Minneapolis, MN 55415

**612-673-5500**

*Office Hours*  
Monday through Friday  
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



## ENCOUNTERING THE POLICE CHECKLIST

- ✓ Remain calm.
- ✓ Be respectful.
- ✓ Follow directions.
- ✓ Do not resist or run away.
- ✓ Keep your hands open and visible.
- ✓ Avoid sudden movements or yelling.
- ✓ Know your rights.
- ✓ Do not lie.
- ✓ Find out if you are free to go.
- ✓ If injured, seek medical attention and take clear photos.
- ✓ Report misconduct, and include the following:
  - Names
  - Badge numbers
  - Squad car numbers